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SUBJECT: THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY: CROSLAND SPEECH
TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE ADVANCE TEXT OF A SPEECH
FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND, AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, WILL GIVE
BEFORE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT JANUARY 12. THE SPEECH
IS AN UNREMARKABLE GENERAL EXPOSITION OF THE STATE OF
THE COMMUNITY AND BREAKS WITH PAST PRECEDENTS IN NOT
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EXAMINING IN ANY DETAIL THE COMMUNITY'S AGENDA DURING
THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY.

2. CROSLAND DESCRIBES THE TASKS AHEAD FOR THE EC IN
THE MEDIUM TERM AS:
(1) TO IMPROVE SECTORAL POLICIES IN AGRICULTURE,
ENERGY AND FISHING;

- (2) TO DEFINE AND MOVE FORWARD ECONOMIC CONVERGENCE AMONG THE MEMBER STATES;
- (3) TO WORK OUT THE PROPER ROLE FOR A DIRECTLY ELECTED PARLIAMENT;
- (4) TO EXPAND THE COMMUNITY'S INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD, AND;
- (5) TO ENCOURAGE ENLARGEMENT WITHOUT DOING DAMAGE TO COMMUNITY IDEALS.

3. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY ALSO MAKES A PLUG FOR EXPANSION OF DEMAND IN THE STRONGER ECONOMIES IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND MORE IMPORTANT IN THE US AND JAPAN. ONLY GROWTH IN THE STRONGER ECONOMIES WILL PERMIT STRINGENT STABILIZATION POLICIES IN THE WEAKER COUNTRIES FOR A SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW DIVERGENCES TO BE REDUCED.

4. FINALLY, CROSLAND HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY ABOUT POLITICAL COOPERATION, "THERE IS A POSSIBLE ROLE FOR THE COMMUNITY, AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT, IN CYPRUS AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST; THOUGH THIS MUST BE IN CLOSE CONCERT WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING EARLY CONTACT WITH THE INCOMING CARTER ADMINISTRATION."

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